

**MINUTES OF JUDICIAL NOMINATION
COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2010**

The Judicial Nomination Commission convened a meeting by telephone conference call at 8:30 a.m. Public Notice of the meeting was given by posting a notice of the meeting on the Supreme Court website.

The following commissioners, constituting a quorum, were present:

Honorable Richard Simonton
Shirley Ball
Mona Charles
Monica Paoli
Martha Sheehy
Andy Suenram
Paul Tuss

Lois Menzies, the Court Administrator of the Montana Supreme Court and Bonnie Freebury, Andy Suenram's assistant also participated.

Andy Suenram called the meeting to order. The first item on the agenda was the election of the Chair. Martha Sheehy nominated Judge Simonton and Monica Paoli seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

A discussion ensued regarding the upcoming vacancy for the 12th Judicial District Judgeship. The following timetable for accepting applications and public comment was reviewed and determined to comply with the rules and statute:

Announcement	September 2, 2010
Application Deadline	October 4, 2010
Notice to Public	October 5, 2010
Public Comment closes	November 4, 2010
Interviewees notified	November 5, 2010
Interviews conducted	November 17 th - 19 th , 2010
Names submitted to Governor	November 30, 2010

A Motion to approve the schedule was made by Martha Sheehy and seconded by Paul Tuss. Motion passed.

Another meeting will be held by telephone conference November 5, 2010. The purpose of this meeting will be to review the applications and select interviewees.

Submitted by Andrew P. Suenram